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Developments in Cuba

The long-planned Latin American Youth Congress, which opens in Cuba on 26 July, is to be a major propaganda effort promoting the Castro-Communist goal of "liberating the Latin American people from US imperialism." Cuban agents have for some months been organizing delegations in other Latin American countries with the help of local Communists. The congress is likely to be completely Communist dominated--an expectation which has led important youth organizations in Peru, Bolivia, Chile, and other countries to boycott it. Nevertheless, youth delegations, however unrepresentative, are likely from all or most Latin American countries.

Foreign "dignitaries" expected in Cuba for the conference include Mexican Communist labor leader Vicente Lombardo Tole-dano, who is to represent the Communist-front World Federation of Trade Unions, [and pro-Communist Jacobo Arbenz, former President of Guatemala.] [REDACTED]

"Fraternal delegates" are also arriving from most Sino-Soviet bloc countries, including the USSR, Communist China, North Vietnam, and North Korea. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a special Cuban plane is to pick up representatives of the "Vietnamese youth farmers" in Geneva to take them to Cuba. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], which suggests that further gatherings among foreign representatives may be scheduled after the close of the youth congress. The youth congress will provide Communists from all parts of the world with an opportunity for liaison and the develop-ment of joint programs. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, Italian oil magnate Enrico Mattei has turned down a Cuban request to manage the foreign refineries seized in Cuba early this month, but he is considering the sale to Cuba of refinery equipment for cash and the provision of technical aid. Officers of the seized refineries maintain that Cuba's biggest problem in run-ning them will be access to replacement parts. [REDACTED]

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